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To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration
of the centennial of the establishment of Mother's Day.

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A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Mother’s Day Centen-
5 nial Commemorative Coin Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress hereby finds as follows:

8 (1) Anna Jarvis, who is considered to be the
9 founder of the modern Mother’s Day, was born in
10 Webster, West Virginia on May 1, 1864.

11 (2) A resident of Grafton, West Virginia, Anna
12 Jarvis dedicated much of her adult life to honoring
13 her mother, Anna Reeves Jarvis, who passed on May
14 9, 1905.

15 (3) In 1908, the Andrews Methodist Episcopal
16 Church of Grafton, West Virginia, officially pro-
17 claimed the third anniversary of Anna Reeves Jarvis’
18 death to be Mother’s Day.

19 (4) In 1910, West Virginia Governor, William
20 Glasscock, issued the first Mother’s Day Proclama-

1 tion encouraging all West Virginians to attend
2 church and wear white carnations.

3 (5) On May 8, 1914, the Sixty-Third Congress
4 approved H.J. Res. 263 designating the second Sun-
5 day in May to be observed as Mother’s Day and en-
6 couraging all Americans to display the American
7 flag at their homes as a public expression of the love
8 and reverence for the mothers of our Nation.

9 (6) On May 9, 1914, President Woodrow Wil-
10 son issued a Presidential Proclamation directing
11 government officials to display the American flag on
12 all government buildings and inviting the American
13 people to display the flag at their homes on the sec-
14 ond Sunday of May as a public expression of the
15 love and reverence for the mothers of our nation.

16 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

17 (a) DENOMINATIONS.—The Secretary of the Treas-
18 ury (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”)
19 shall mint and issue not more than 400,000 \$1 coins each
20 of which shall—

21 (1) weigh 26.73 grams;

22 (2) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and

23 (3) contain 90 percent silver and 10 percent
24 copper.

1 (b) LEGAL TENDER.—The coins minted under this
 2 Act shall be legal tender, as provided in section 5103 of
 3 title 31, United States Code.

4 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section
 5 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins minted
 6 under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

7 **SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.**

8 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—The design of the
 9 coins minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the
 10 100th anniversary of President Wilson’s proclamation des-
 11 ignating the second Sunday in May as Mother’s Day.

12 (b) DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On each coin
 13 minted under this Act there shall be—

- 14 (1) a designation of the value of the coin;
- 15 (2) an inscription of the year “2014”; and
- 16 (3) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”, “In
 17 God We Trust”, “United States of America”, and
 18 “E Pluribus Unum”.

19 (c) SELECTION.—The design for the coins minted
 20 under this Act shall be—

- 21 (1) selected by the Secretary after consultation
 22 with the Commission of Fine Arts; and
- 23 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory
 24 Committee established under section 5135 of title
 25 31, United States Code.

1 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

2 (a) QUALITY OF COINS.—Coins minted under this
3 Act shall be issued in uncirculated and proof qualities.

4 (b) COMMENCEMENT OF ISSUANCE.—The Secretary
5 may issue coins minted under this Act beginning January
6 1, 2014, except that the Secretary may initiate sales of
7 such coins, without issuance, before such date.

8 (c) TERMINATION OF MINTING AUTHORITY.—No
9 coins shall be minted under this Act after December 31,
10 2014.

11 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

12 (a) SALE PRICE.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
13 sion of law, the coins issued under this Act shall be sold
14 by the Secretary at a price equal to the sum of the face
15 value of the coins, the surcharge required under section
16 7(a) for the coins, and the cost of designing and issuing
17 such coins (including labor, materials, dies, use of machin-
18 ery, overhead expenses, and marketing).

19 (b) BULK SALES.—The Secretary shall make bulk
20 sales of the coins issued under this Act at a reasonable
21 discount.

22 (c) PREPAID ORDERS AT A DISCOUNT.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall accept
24 prepaid orders for the coins minted under this Act
25 before the issuance of such coins.

1 (2) DISCOUNT.—Sale prices with respect to pre-
2 paid orders under paragraph (1) shall be at a rea-
3 sonable discount.

4 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

5 (a) SURCHARGE REQUIRED.—All sales shall include
6 a surcharge of \$10 per coin.

7 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f) of
8 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges which are re-
9 ceived by the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under
10 this Act shall be promptly paid by the Secretary as follows:

11 (1) $\frac{1}{2}$ to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure for
12 the purpose of furthering research funded by the or-
13 ganization.

14 (2) $\frac{1}{2}$ to the National Osteoporosis Foundation
15 for the purpose of furthering research funded by the
16 Foundation.

17 (c) AUDITS.—The Susan G. Komen for the Cure and
18 the National Osteoporosis Foundation shall be subject to
19 the audit requirements of section 5134(f)(2) of title 31,
20 United States Code, with regard to the amounts received
21 by the respective organizations under subsection (b).

22 (d) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),
23 no surcharge may be included with respect to the issuance
24 under this Act of any coin during a calendar year if, as
25 of the time of such issuance, the issuance of such coin

1 would result in the number of commemorative coin pro-
2 grams issued during such year to exceed the annual 2
3 commemorative coin program issuance limitation under
4 section 5112(m)(1) of title 31, United States Code (as in
5 effect on the date of the enactment of this Act). The Sec-
6 retary of the Treasury may issue guidance to carry out
7 this subsection.

